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IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL AGAIN

FREE COFFEE FOR TURNPIKE TRAVELERS

Labor Day Weekend homeward bound travelers on the Massachusetts Turnpike are invited to stop at concession plazas for free coffee from 10:00 p.m., Monday to 7:00 a.m., Tuesday.

The invitation is extended by Chairman John T. Driscoll of the Turnpike Authority and Howard B. Johnson whose company operates the restaurant concessions on the Mass. Pike.

Free refreshments will be provided from 10:00 p.m., Monday, September 4, 1967, to 7:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 5, 1967.

Toll collectors will issue invitations as well as the usual toll tickets to all travelers entering the Turnpike Monday night.

This will help if you're sleepy, but not if you're on the sauce.

U.S. Labor Dept. Approves Training Project For High School Dropouts

Secretary of Labor W. Willard Wirtz has approved an experimental and demonstration project under the Manpower Development and Training Act known as Project FIT. This demonstration project of franchise industry training and work experience for youth was developed by Boston College's Bureau of Business Research in Chestnut Hill, Mass.

The project is designed to provide work experience and training in franchise firms for approximately 450 unemployed youth, aged 16 to 21, who have not graduated from high school. Boston College's Center for the Study of Franchise Distribution will arrange for franchisers to hire such youth for full-time work experience and training, and will reimburse the franchisers for special training program supervisors assigned to work with the youth. A major objective of the program is to ascertain what problems and values emerge from placing youth in training jobs in the franchise industry, so that future programs for the industry can be shaped more effectively. The project, an outgrowth of a pilot effort made last summer, will also include a week's orientation program early in the training period, and an "evaluation" meeting toward the end of the training period.

Funds allocated to the project by the U.S. Department of Labor amount to \$207,750.

The Manpower Development and Training Act, which was enacted in March 1962, authorizes the Secretary of Labor to enter into contracts or provide grants to private or public organizations to produce new knowledge, improve techniques and demonstrate the effectiveness of specialized methods to meet manpower, employment, and training problems.



Arthur W. Knapp, seated, president of the Westfield Savings Bank, signs the contract signaling the start of construction of the bank's new Agawam office, to be built on a nearly two-acre site at 643 Main Street in Agawam. Observing the signing are, left to right: Douglas C. Goodman, president of the Springfield architectural and engineering firm of Reinhardt Associates, architect for the building; Thomas E. Quinn, Jr., general manager of W. J. Quinn Co., Inc., general contractor, and Horace N. Fuller of the law firm of Fuller, Scharoff and Smith, the bank's counsel.

All Signals "Go" For New Westfield Savings Bank

The firm of W.J. Quinn Co., Inc. of East Longmeadow, has submitted the low bid for construction of the new Agawam office of the Westfield Savings Bank, and has been awarded the contract, Arthur W. Knapp, president, said today.

Construction of the 2500 square foot building will begin at once on a nearly two-acre site at 643 Main Street in Agawam, Mr. Knapp said, with occupancy scheduled for late December.

The colonial-style brick building is being designed by Reinhardt Associates, Springfield architectural and engineering firm. It will have a drive-in window, and will be electrically heated, Mr. Knapp said.

"I am quite confident that the people of Agawam will be well pleased with the building that we are constructing," Mr. Knapp said. "It is also our plan to landscape our Agawam property very attractively."

The new Agawam office will become Westfield Savings' third office. Its new main office at 141 Elm Street in Westfield was opened in December, 1964, and its West Springfield branch at 206 Park Street in West Springfield, will observe its 20th anniversary of operation next year.

"Our decision to locate an office in Agawam was based on our feeling that we could bring new savings bank convenience to the community where we already have a great many mortgages and savings accounts," Mr. Knapp said.

Westfield Savings Bank also operates the school savings program in Agawam.

Veterans Must Notify VA of Changes In Income

Veterans receiving non-service-connected pensions may save themselves inconvenience, embarrassment and money by notifying the Veterans Administration immediately when there is an increase in their annual income.

The amount of a veteran's non-service-connected pension is based on his income and the number in his family—his wife and children. If any of these factors change, his pension may change.

If the veteran receives additional income raising his total annual income or if he inherits money or sells property of material value, the facts should be reported at once to the VA.

For the same reason, should the veteran return to work, or should his family status change,

such as divorce or death of his wife, marriage or death of a child, the birth of a child, or the marriage of the veteran, the VA should be advised immediately.

Failure of a veteran to report income above the legal limits may result in VA overpayment to him. However, if the veteran notified the VA promptly of an income increase above the statutory limits, the VA will adjust or discontinue pension payments for that year and no overpayment will result.

Further information on VA pensions may be obtained at the VA Contact Division, Room E-116, John F. Kennedy Federal Building, Government Center, Boston, daily from 8:30 to 5:00 and Saturdays 9:00 until 1:00. Telephone: 223-3008.

S.O.S. (Save Our Sight) Family Vision Screening

Visual defects and visual readiness for reading will be checked free Sunday, Sept. 10, at the Agawam Junior High School. The Sunday after Labor Day, from 1 to 5 p.m. The Agawam Lions Club and the Western District of the Massachusetts Society of Optometrists will jointly conduct a free family vision screening. Seeing and perceiving will be the theme.

The goal is to uncover both visual defects and, in youngsters, to learn if they have perceptual problems that might interfere with their learning to read. Adults will be seen but youngsters will have a special battery of tests administered. These tests are specially designed to indicate defects that might interfere with school performance. It is suggested that all youngsters in the age group of 5 to 8 attend this screening.

Both the Agawam Lions and the Massachusetts Society of Optometrists emphasize that this screening is not an adequate substitute for a professional examination by an eye specialist. The testing also supplements but does not replace the regular school examinations. Those with defects will be notified to seek professional assistance.

Memorial Candles Now In Colors

Kennedy "Flame of Hope Memorial Candles" are now being produced in three colors, red, green and yellow, by mentally retarded people at the Morgan Memorial Goodwill Industries workshop in Boston.

Henry E. Helms, executive secretary, said that the Morgan Candle Shop, serving all of New England and some other areas of the country, had started making the Kennedy candles in colors for the first time.

The Morgan Memorial Workshop, one of the first of twelve established in the country, was dedicated by Mrs. "Ted" Kennedy on March 8, 1966. Previously, the 20-inch taper with a star-shaped base, was made only in white.

The 1967 quota for mentally retarded workers at the Morgan Memorial Candle Shop is 6000 pairs of candles.

Morgan Memorial was selected by the National Association of (Continued on page 2)

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Quinlan Says No Danger In Constitutional Convention

Senator John Michael Quinlan of Dover this week challenged those who feel that a Constitutional Convention is either dangerous or unnecessary. Quinlan, chairman of the nonpartisan committee for a Constitutional Convention, is spearheading a drive

to bring about the first Constitutional Convention in Massachusetts in 50 years.

Although the law allows three months (September 6 to December 6) in which to collect the 61,236 signatures necessary to place the convention question on



Senator Quinlan

the ballot, Senator Quinlan plans to achieve this number and more on Sunday, October 1.

Similar drives in the past have fallen short of the required number of signatures during the three months allotted by statute. Quinlan estimates that upward of 3000 workers will be marshalled throughout Massachusetts on October 1 in order to reach the goal on that date.

The committee for a Constitutional Convention is working feverishly toward this goal. City and town co-ordinators are currently being recruited throughout the state for the drive.

Regarding charges that the convention is a dangerous approach to governmental reform, Senator Quinlan said, "A Convention is neither radical nor abrupt. In the first place, our petition calls for a limited Constitutional Convention—limited to dealing only with structural

changes in our state government. It will review—with an eye to altering—the Executive Branch; the Legislature; the Governor's Council; the government of cities, towns, and counties, and their relationship to each other and the government of the Commonwealth; and future methods of constitutional reform.

"It would be specifically restricted from considering the Declaration of Rights, the Judiciary, and taxation," Senator Quinlan explained.

"The petition is limited so that concentration can be focused on those areas concerning the institutional framework or structure of our state government.

"These limitations should also allay any fears of a wide-open convention. A convention of this type is a far more cautious and thorough method than the helter-skelter, piecemeal legislative method of amending the Constitution which does not take into account the whole picture.

"Even more important," Senator Quinlan continued, "the safeguards inherent in a constitutional convention constitute true government of the people, for the voters have the ultimate right to decide on all questions.

"As far as a convention being necessary," Senator Quinlan said, "Massachusetts is struggling with a Constitution that is 187 years old, written when Massachusetts was an infant state with a fledgling economy, not the industrial technological giant that it is today.

"The last 50 years have seen no substantial revision of our Constitution, during a time when our annual state budgets have grown from \$40 million to \$900 million.

"Our state government is hampered in solving the problems of its people," Senator Quinlan said. "It is hampered in its attempts at economy and efficiency. It is also seeing its powers and prerogatives increasingly gravitate to Washington because of its inability to meet its responsibility

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as part of a truly federal system.

"A Constitutional Convention can bring the structure of Massachusetts government out of an agricultural age and into an urban one.

"I urge all citizens concerned with the future of state government to join this effort," Senator Quinlan concluded. "An effort toward a structurally sounder, more progressive, more effective Massachusetts—a Massachusetts better equipped to deal with the problems of its people—a better Massachusetts in which to live and bring up our children."

People wishing to help in this drive may contact the Committee for a Constitutional Convention, Oakley Road, Dover, Massachusetts or call 617-785-0555.

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HIGH SCHOOL

WED. - Or. ju., ham, on roll, pot. chips, but, car., pea, but, sand., brnie. THURS. - Or. ju., bolog. & ch. on wat. roll, but, corn, pea, but, sand., choc. ck. w/but, ice. FRI. - Tuna sal. sail., gar. sal. w/spin. grns., pea, but, sand.

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Atherosclerosis

The major cause of death and disability in North America today continues to be "hardening of the arteries." This process, or atherosclerosis as it is more scientifically known, probably begins in most people at birth, or even before, and may affect any or all of the arteries of the body. The arteries are blood vessels through which oxygen laden blood is carried from the heart to various organs and parts of the body after it has been "purified" by passage through the lungs. Much is known in a descriptive way about this disease, but the underlying cause and the means of avoiding atherosclerosis continues to elude scientific investigators despite extensive research. As the atherosclerotic process progresses, the lining membrane of the involved artery becomes thickened and various fatty substances are deposited within the arterial wall beneath it. This tends to occur at first in patches and affects various arteries throughout the body to different degrees.

The opening of the artery becomes progressively narrowed as the local accumulation of fat and thickening of the inner lining develops. These lesions may occur singly or may coalesce to produce long sections of irregularly narrowed arteries. They tend to occur in areas of more turbulent blood flow, as where vessels branch; they are more

common in people with diabetes, high blood pressure, elevated blood cholesterol, or a family history of arterial disease; they occur more frequently in smokers than in non-smokers. The condition may begin in early childhood and progress slowly throughout adolescence and adult life. Although the condition begins to develop at an early age, it seldom produces symptoms until it leads to critical reduction or actual blockage of a vessel lumen. The nature of the symptoms which may develop from arteriosclerosis depends entirely on the vessels affected and the severity of the arterial narrowing. Not infrequently, a marked degree of arterial narrowing may be found at autopsy which did not produce any symptoms during life. An examination of the hearts of a large number of American casualties of the Korean conflict gave visible evidence of atherosclerosis of the coronary arteries in 70% with a severe degree of atherosclerotic narrowing in 20% despite an average age of only 22 years and the absence of any symptoms.

As the narrowing of the vessel progresses, a variety of symptoms may develop depending upon the area of the body affected. Involvement of the head vessels may produce dizziness, speech problems or stroke; involvement of the heart or coronary vessels may be associated with recurrent chest pain (angina) or result in irreversible damage to a portion of the heart as with a "heart attack"; involvement of the vessels to the legs frequently results in muscle cramps which occur with walking; involvement of the arteries to the kidneys may be associated with a form of high blood pressure. Diseases of the heart and circulatory system now claim nearly one million American lives per

year and the annual cost to the economy is estimated to be several billion dollars.

Although the exact causes and, hence prevention, of atherosclerosis continues to elude investigators, factors associated with its progression are defined and serve as the basis of current treatment programs. Reduction of body weight to "ideal" reduces the work load on the heart and circulatory system; lowering of blood fat levels through dietary restriction of animal fats MAY delay the progression of atherosclerosis, although this remains unproven. Control of high blood pressure also reduces the work load of the heart and thereby reduces its demands on the circulatory system.

Medical treatment of atherosclerosis is generally directed towards the above mentioned factors and the administration of drugs which produce relaxation of the arterial system, thereby allowing a greater blood flow through damaged segments of vessels. These drugs produce local increase in blood flow through their relaxing effects on the blood vessels. Eventually such medical therapy becomes of decreasing effectiveness and the critical narrowing of the vessel leads to irreversible damage. Accurate localization of areas of narrowing is now available through modern techniques of X-ray examination using radio-opaque materials which are injected directly into the involved artery. Such techniques have produced a great change in the management of many patients with coronary, cerebral, renal or peripheral vascular disease and thousands of afflicted patients have undergone successful removal or repair of diseased arteries with resultant improvement in local blood flow. However, not until medical research, such as that conducted under Massachusetts

Heart Association grants, reveals the dietary, environmental and other factors associated with the development of atherosclerosis will there be a significant reduction in the annual loss of lives and economic waste.

LETTERS to the EDITOR

To The Parents and Governing Bodies of Agawam

Agawam has become noticed—its name appears in the papers every day and these articles concern either the youth of Agawam and the trouble they have been in or have caused; or our adults, mainly the town leaders, and the aggravation they are trying to start.

As one of this town's younger generation I want to know who do "we" look up to? Obviously the youth of Agawam are following the pattern of the adults in causing trouble, but wouldn't it be easier for someone to take the initiative to stop all of this? If the leaders of Agawam feel that their games of name calling, political fights, and personality conflicts indicate maturity on their part, then what is happening to their young people shall continue. "We" want it stopped, but who do we turn to ???

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American Legion Auxiliary

By MRS. GLADYS CATCHEPAUGH

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

At the first regular meeting of Wilson-Thompson Unit 185, American Legion Auxiliary, to be held at the Legion Home on Wednesday evening, September 7th, nomination of officers for the coming year will be held.

The election will be held at the second meeting of the month, September 18th. Installation is scheduled for the latter part of October.

Miss Holly Kistner, this year's Girls' State representative from Agawam, has been invited to speak at the first meeting in October, and it is hoped that a good number of members will be on hand to listen to her. Although we send a girl each year, and listen to their reports, each one's impressions are different, but all equally enthusiastic and interesting. We are proud of the young women who have represented our Unit through the years.

PATIO SUPPER

As I sit at my typewriter on a hot Sunday afternoon, it is hard to realize that the time has come to make ready for our Christmas activities, but time has a way of slipping by, and we must be ready to do our part at the Veterans' Hospitals. It is not too early to get together our contributions for the Christmas Gift Shop at Leeds Hospital.

Already our Gift Shop Chairman, Mrs. Julia Moore, has shopped for the Unit and with its annual Unit contribution has purchased over forty gifts for this year's shop. She invites us to her home Thursday evening, August 31st, to view them. Each one attending is asked to bring something for the picnic supper to be enjoyed on the patio at 5 o'clock. Coffee, tea and dessert will be provided.

Each member provides a one dollar gift, new, unbreakable, and suitable for giving to any member of a veteran's family. All gifts from the County are arranged at the hospital in a shop-like atmosphere, where patients may select the gifts for members of their families, to be wrapped and mailed home. Volunteers from the Units serve as

clerks in the Gift Shop, and Post members take care of the mailing.

Members attending this Patio Supper are asked to bring in their gifts or to get them to the chairman at the earliest opportunity, as we are anxious to complete this project before Installation. If shopping is inconvenient, she may give her dollar to Mrs. Moore, who will shop for her.

NOTES

Cards were received this week from Ruth and Howard Bowen, who have been enjoying a vacation in California.

This week Tom and Jane Whalen are in Boston participating in the activities of the National Convention of The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary. We shall be waiting to hear all about it.

We are looking forward to a visit in the near future of John and Mary Lakeman, former active members of Post and Unit, from El Paso, Texas.

1515 Foreign Workers Allowed For New England Apple Harvest

New England's apple growers in the six-state area will be able to employ foreign apple pickers again this year to supplement the available supply of U.S. workers, Arthur C. Gernes, Regional Administrator of the U.S. Labor Department's Bureau of Employment Security announced today.

Gernes said the department has authorized the admission for New England growers of 1515 foreign workers to be recruited from Canada and the British West Indies.

"The big apple-growing state of Maine will be allotted 440 foreign apple pickers," said Gernes, "and Massachusetts will have 400, New Hampshire 400,

Vermont 160, Connecticut 90, and Rhode Island 25."

Last year, 1200 foreign workers were allowed, Gernes pointed out, but this season's good weather and rain have brought bumper crops with a resultant need for an increase in the number of apple pickers. A total of 10,000 workers will be employed in the New England apple harvest this year, it is estimated.

"New England apple growers have made a commendable effort to locate additional workers for the crop this year," Gernes said, "and they have had to get some farm workers from outside New England. Continued high employment in the six-state area has made local apple pickers more scarce than in the past."

Gernes stressed that the Canadian and British West Indian apple pickers will be permitted to work in orchards offering wages and working conditions meeting the Department of Labor's requirements. In each case, Gernes said, the grower has made a sustained effort to locate Americans for his harvest before seeking foreign workers.

Legal Notices

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Hampden ss Probate Court
To all persons interested in the estate of WILLIAM H. BERNARDARA, JR. late of Agawam in said County, deceased.

A petition has been presented to said Court, praying that WILLIAM H. BERNARDARA of said Agawam be appointed administrator of said estate without giving a surety on his bond.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield, in the County of Hampden, before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the nineteenth day of September 1967, the return day of this citation.

Witness, ABRAHAM I. SMITH, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this seventeenth day of August 1967.

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The trustee of said estate has presented to said Court for allowance its thirty-eighth account.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twenty-sixth day of September 1967, the return day of this citation.

Witness, ABRAHAM I. SMITH, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this eleventh day of August 1967.

JOHN J. LYONS, Register
Aug. 24, 31, Sept. 7

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampden ss Probate Court

To all persons interested in the estate of JENNIE L. WHITE otherwise JEAN JENNIE L. WHITE or JEAN LORANA LA BERGE WHITE or JENNIE M. WHITE late of Agawam in said County of Hampden, deceased.

A petition has been presented to said Court for probate of a certain instrument purporting to be the last Will of said deceased by JEANNETTE AUDREY WHITE DINTZNER, of said Agawam, NORMA FAY WHITE KARLSTROM PALMER, of West Springfield, in said County of Hampden, and DORA MAY WHITE CHRISTALDI BIRCHALL, of Lowell in the County of Middlesex praying that they be appointed executrices thereof without giving a surety on their bonds.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield, in said County of Hampden, before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the nineteenth day of September 1967, the return day of this citation.

Witness, ABRAHAM I. SMITH, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this seventeenth day of August 1967.

JOHN J. LYONS, Register
Aug. 24, 31, Sept. 7

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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To KATHY JEAN WELCH McBRIDE of parts unknown.

A libel as amended has been presented to said Court by your husband, JOSEPH FRANCIS McBRIDE of Agawam, in the County of Hampden, praying that a divorce from the bond of matrimony between himself and you be decreed for the cause of cruel and abusive treatment.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield, within twenty-one days from the fourteenth day of November 1967, the return day of this citation.

Witness, ABRAHAM I. SMITH, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this sixteenth day of August 1967.

JOHN J. LYONS, Register
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